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REMARKS 

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 29 December 1954, no motor vehicles were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiesstatt Ring in St. Poelten (O 49/W 25X1). The building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two 37-mm AA guns were observed through two open doors in the garage west of the Kreisgericht building. About 100 soldiers practiced with rifles in the area of the Rainer Kaserne where 14 trucks, 2 van-like motor vehicles, 4 jeeps and 3 tank trucks were parked. Imprints of a track-laying vehicle were observed in front of one of the storage sheds in the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne included van-like motor vehicle  and trucks  25X1  
 all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, trucks  with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, each of them mounting a red ammunition-carrier danger flag and truck  with a civilian driver. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1
2. Motor vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern, which was exclusively guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets, included van-like motor vehicles  trucks  and sedan  all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, truck  with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets, truck  and jeep  Motor vehicles parked at various sites in the camp area included 6 trucks, 3 van-like motor vehicles and 2 jeeps. 25X1
3. On 31 December 1954, about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and supervised by a sergeant wearing black-bordered red epaulets, practiced with rifles in the former convent garden. Six more soldiers wearing undetermined service color trained with a 57-mm AT gun. A major wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the former convent. Trucks  with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets departed from the installation toward Scheibbs (O 49/X 56). No field telephone lines were observed outside the area of the former convent which was connected to the public telephone network. 25X1
1. Comment. The observations made in St Poelten and Camp Spratzern substantiate previous reports on the occupation of this area. Almost all motor-vehicle mentioned in the present report belong to component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which are stationed at St Poelten and Camp Spratzern. 25X1

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2. ☐ Comment. Component units of a battalion of the 290th Gds Mtz Rifle  
Regt are stationed at Gaming.

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